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For : CONNECTOR AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE  
SAME**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 16, 2007, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on November 16, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks. If any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Response.